

Sample: CDS130 Mid-term exam **KEY**

- Be sure your exam booklet has 9 pages.
- Write your name at the top of each page.
- This is a closed book exam.
- You may not use a calculator.
- You may not use MATLAB during exam.
- Absolutely no interaction between students is allowed.
- Each question is worth 5 points. Partial credit may be awarded **ONLY** if work is shown.
- Duration for this exam: 60 minutes.

**Q1.**  $(25)_{10} = (?)_2$

- A) 100110
- B) 10011
- C) 11001
- D) 110010

**Answer: C**

$$25 = 1 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \equiv (11001)_2$$

**Q2.** The binary system

- A) is a positional notation based on the powers of 2
- B) typically uses more digits than the decimal system to represent the same number
- C) all of the above
- D) None of the above

**Answer: C**

**Q3** To avoid overflow problems, the maximum non-negative integer that can be represented with 5 bits is:

- A) 16
- B) 31
- C) 63
- D) 64

**Answer: B**

The largest non-negative number can be represented with N bits is:  $2^N - 1$ . Here,  $N=5$

**Q4** The minimum number of bits needed for an integer word to represent all integers between 0 and 1024 is:

- A) 8
- B) 9
- C) 10
- D) 11

**Answer: D**

The largest integer represented by 10 bits is 1023, and the largest integer represented by 11 bits is 2047. You need 11 bits to represent all integers between 0 and 1024.

**Q5** How many zeroes are in the binary representation of  $2^{20}$ ?

- A) 18
- B) 19
- C) 21
- D) 20

**Answer: D**

$2^{20} = 1 \times 2^{20} + 0 \times 2^{19} + 0 \times 2^{18} + 0 \times 2^{17} + \dots + 0 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$  (20 os in the binary representation).

**Q6.** If an arbitrary 8 bit binary number is multiplied by 4, what is the maximum number of bits required to write that product as a binary number?

- A) 9
- B) 10
- C) 11
- C) 12
- D) 16

**Answer: B**

**Method 1:** The largest number represented by 8 bits is 255. If this number is multiplied by 8, the product is 1020. You need 10 bits to store this number.

**Method 2:** if an arbitrary number is multiplied by 2, the bits are shifted to its left by one position. For example, if  $(11111111)_2$  is multiplied by 2, the binary number becomes:  $(111111110)_2$ .

Likewise, If the number is multiplied by 4, the binary number shifts to its left by two bit positions, and becomes  $(1111111100)_2$ . You need 10 bits to store the number.

**Q7.** How many unique combinations of 1s and 0s are possible with 12 bits?

- A) 4096
- B) 4095
- C) 2048
- D) 2047
- E) None of the above

**Answer: A**

The number of unique combinations of 1s and 0s is  $2^{12}$ . (Remember:  $2^{10} = 1024$ )

**Q8.** Convert  $11110111_2$  into hexadecimal.

- A) F7
- B) 157
- C) 3313
- D) B7
- E) None of the above

**Answer: A**

To convert binary numbers to hexadecimal, following the next three steps:

1). Divide the binary into groups of four bits, starting from the left.

For example:  $11110111_2 = (\underline{1111} \underline{0111})_2$

2). Convert each group into a hexadecimal number,  $1111_2 = F_{16}$ ,  $1110_2 = E_{16}$ , ...  $0001_2 = 1_{16}$

3). Group the converted hexadecimal digits into a hexadecimal number:

$11110111_2 = (\underline{1111} \underline{0111})_2 = (F7)_{16}$

**Q9.** Here is a two's complement representation of an decimal integer: 0011 1001

Form the 8-bit negative equivalent of this binary integer use the two's complement method:

- A) 1100 0110
- B) 1011 1001
- C) 1100 1110
- D) 1100 0111
- E) None of the above

**Answer: D**

To find the negation of the binary number with the 2's complement notation, the trick is:

(1) Bitwise NOT:  $0011\ 1001 \rightarrow 1100\ 0110$

(2) Add 1:  $1100\ 0110 + 1 = 1100\ 0111$

Remember: In two's complement notation, the most significant bit is a negative number ( $-2^N$ , N is the number of bits), and the rest of the bits represent positive number.

**Q10.** What is the 8-bit result of adding the following three 8-bit numbers together?

```

  0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1
  0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1
  0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
= _____

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**Answer:**

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    0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1
+   0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1
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    1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0

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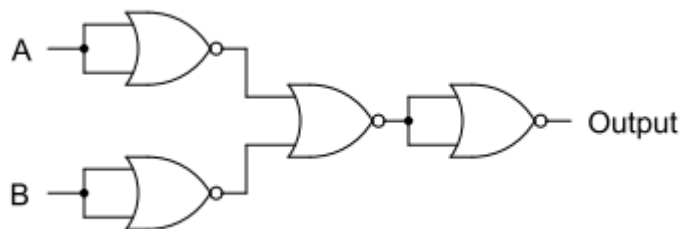
    1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0
+   0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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    1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1

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The answer is: 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1.

Assuming an unsigned representation, is there overflow? (circle one) yes no [answer: yes].

**Q11.** What one logic gate is equivalent to the logic circuit shown below? Draw the logic gate.



**Answer:**

Truth table for the NOR gate is:

A	B	NOR
1	1	0
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1

The logic table for the provided logic gate is:

A	B	OUT
1	1	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	1

This corresponds to an NAND gate.



**Q12.** Water flows into one, both, or none of the two white tubes at the top. What logic gate does it produce?



- A) AND
- B) OR
- C) NAND
- D) NOR
- E) XOR

Answer: B

Water flows from both tubes, ( A=1, B=1), the output is 1.

Water flows from one tube, and the other tube has no water flow ( A=1, B =0), the output is 1

No water flows in either tube, (A=0, B = 0), the output is 0.

This is equivalent to an OR logic gate.

**Q13.** What is the output of the following MATLAB code

```
clear;
A(1,3) = 2;
A(1,5) = 3;
A(5)
```

- A) 3 3 3 3 3
- B) 2 2 2 3 3
- C) 0 0 2 0 3
- D) 0 0 0 0 3
- E) None of the above

Answer: C

(1) After executing A(1,3) = 2

A =  
0 0 2

(A is now a row vector, and this command is equivalent to: A = [ 0, 0, 2]).

(2) After executing A(1,5) = 3

A =  
0 0 2 0 3

**Q14.** What is the output of the following MATLAB code:

```
A = [1.2,3.4,5.6; 2.1,5.3,4.6];
B = [1:3; 2:4];
A+B
```

Answer: ans =

(1) After executing  $A = [1.2, 3.4, 5.6; 2.1, 5.3, 4.6]$

A =  
 1.2 3.4 5.6  
 2.1 5.3 4.6

(Note: this creates a 3x2 matrix with 2 rows, 3 columns)

(2) After executing  $B = [1:3; 2:4]$

B =  
 1 2 3  
 2 3 4

Note: this is a colon notation for matrix creation.

(3) Add the two matrix A + B:

A + B  
 ans =  
 3.2 5.4 8.6  
 4.1 8.4 8.6

Do you know  $\text{sum}(A+B)$ ?

sum(A+B)  
 ans =  
 7.3 13.8 17.2

**Q15.** What is the output after executing the following MATLAB code:

```
clear;
mat1(1,5) = 0.0;
mat2(1,5) = 0.0;
mat3(1,5) = 0.0;

for i = [1:3]
    mat1(i) = i*i;
    mat2(i) = 1.0/i;
    mat3(i) = mat1(i) + mat2(i);
end
mat3
```

Answer:

1:3 is equivalent to [1, 2, 3].

During the first iteration  $i=1$

mat1(1) = 1  
 mat2(1) = 1  
 mat3(1) = 2

(Note: mat1, mat2, mat3 are names for three vectors).

During the second iteration i= 2

```
mat1(2) = 4  
mat2(2) = 0.5  
mat3(2) = 4.5
```

During the third iteration i=3

```
mat1(3) = 9  
mat2(3) = 0.3333  
mat3(3) = 9.3333
```

The final answer for mat3

```
ans =  
      4      4.5      9.3333
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**Q16.** Use a single command to create a row vector (assign it to a variable named B) with 9 elements such that

B =

1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1

Do not type the vector explicitly.

Answer:

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B = [ 1.1: 0.1 : 1.5, 1.4:-0.1: 1.1]
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